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COMMUNITY & LEISURE

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"General Oglethorpe" to step back into Fort Stewart's past April 26

Pat Young
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield cordially invites community members to join the Fort Stewart Historical Communities Council and Savannah's founder "General James Oglethorpe" at the installations semiannual Cemetery and historical site visit April 26.

Portraying General Oglethorpe, historian Scott Hodges with "History through a Looking Glass," will join the venture for lunch at an installation dining facility and entertain questions regarding colonial life in the area. "History through A Looking Glass" provides interactive education opportunities in Civics, the Revolution, Civil Wars, pirates, early medicine and early exploration.

The day's cemetery/historic site visit provides participants an opportunity to better understand this historic nature of the historic cemeteries, Fort Stewart and the HCC's effort to preserve their historical memory, and rules and regulations regarding the cemetery access. The April 26 visit makes stops at Bragg, Gill, and Green Bay Cemeteries, and the Fort Stewart Museum.

Families remembered at these cemeteries include Bashlor, Blount, Bowens, Boykin, Bragg, Brown, Carter, Clark, Clifton, Conner, Cribbs, Davis, Dean, Downs, Futch, Gill, Goodson, Haymans, Jacobs, Lewis, Linton, McCallar, McCollar, McCollar, McLamb, Morgan, Myrick, Nevils, Obryan, Owens, Philips, Phillips, Preston, Roberts, Rushing, Sauls, Shuman, Sikes, Sims, Smith, Strickland, Stewart, Thompson, Waller, Waters, Webb, Wells, Williams, Williamson, Wise, and Zoucks.

Space is limited to 88 guests, and individuals must pre-register. Attendees will be afforded the opportunity to reserve/purchase lunch for \$4.55, before the tour leaves or at the lunch counter.

Participants can meet at either the installation's Pass and Permit Office, building 8093, on Highway 144 (8-8:45 a.m.), or at the Liberty County Recreation Area/Hinesville National Guard parking lot on Highway 84 (7:30-8:15 a.m.). One bus will be prepositioned at both locations. Both buses link up at Pass and Permit at 8:45 a.m. The tour leaves shortly after 9 a.m.; however, space is limited to 44 seats per bus with priority given to descendants of Families remembered among the installation's 60 cemeteries, Soldiers and their Families.

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Extreme couponing Hot topic at Commissary Council

Elvia Kelly
Fort Stewart Public Affairs

Fort Stewart's Commissary Council gathered to discuss improvements from last month's council meeting and current commissary concerns at the Garrison Headquarters, April 10. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Col. Kevin Milton and Commissary Director Steve Young led the forum by addressing Commissary

old business.

"This is some of the old business from the last [council meeting]," Young said. "We took a look outside of the commissary lighting. There is one light that has been disconnected due to the moving project and that was causing some of the darkness. With the change in time [zone], it really hasn't been a big issue anymore. The light should be back up in the next week or two. The roof will be totally completed by the end of April."

Photo by Elvia Kelly

Commissary Director Steve Young and Stewart-Hunter Garrison Commander Col. Kevin Milton discuss commissary improvements and concerns at Garrison Headquarters, April 10.

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Soldiers bring 'Army Strong' to the stage

Tim Hipps
IMCOM Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO – Active-duty Soldiers bring the emotional, mental, physical, spiritual and Family pillars of military life to the stage in "Army Strong," the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

"Every section of the show has something to do with strength in one of those areas," production manager and producer Tim Higdon said.

The 90-minute song-and-dance production is designed to accentuate the strengths and resiliency

of Soldiers and military Families through modern songs, current hits, vibrant costuming, exciting choreography and spectacular visuals.

"That is in line with the chief of staff's motto for this year, which is, 'The strength of our nation is our Army, the strength of our Army is our Soldiers, the strength of our Soldiers is our Families, and that's what makes us Army Strong,'" Higdon said. "So the show is designed to follow that theme, and to highlight the strength aspect all the way through."

Soldiers will attempt to sing and dance their way into the audiences' heart, mind and soul.

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Hunter holds spring forum for parents

Nancy Gould
Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs

About 20 educators, counselors and social workers from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, met April 5 for the Spring Educational Forum at the Hunter Club. The group gathered to offer parents, especially those of special needs students, the information, guidance, and support they need to be effective advocates for their children.

"We wanted to make parents aware of programs for all students," said Autry McGary, Hunter CYSS school liaison officer, "but we put special emphasis on the special education services available in the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. We also gave parents the opportunity to speak directly to the program managers who attended."

Hunter children living on post—kindergarten to 12th grade — with special needs are entitled to additional services offered through the Department for Exceptional Children's

program at the installation's zones schools, which include Pulaski Elementary School, Bartlett Middle School and Beach High School.

Representatives of the Effingham County Public Schools were also present to explain the program to parents who live in that county. The Savannah State University military liaison, Navy Commander Mac Baldwin, attended to give information on services and assistance available to students and/or spouses of active-duty military members who wish to attend the university. Other representatives there to give out information included Betty Morgan, the Starbase Savannah Academy director, who discussed the program's classroom facility that recently opened at Hunter, and the long term plan to expand the program to all SCCPSS schools. Linda Morgan from the SCCPSS Department of Exceptional Children explained how military students are currently benefiting from a new three-year reading grant that was awarded June 2011.

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Recognizing our volunteers

Vickie Wiginton
Army Community Service

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out ways to engage in their communities. It is scheduled for April 15-21.

This year's theme is "Volunteers, the Force Behind the Force." Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield will be recognizing installation volunteers by presenting the Commanding General's Marne Spirit Award to volunteers who have made a significant impact to the installation or an Army program.

This year's ceremonies are scheduled for April 16 at Hunter and April 17 at Stewart.



Courtesy Photo

These and other volunteers work behind the scenes to make a difference.

They provide support, show compassion and work tirelessly for our Soldiers and Families.

The following poem was written by Lisa Ellinwood and it says a lot about volunteers.

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'J. EDGAR,' REVIEWED

Sasha McBrayer

Frontline Contributor

Clint Eastwood's work as a director often is flawless, inspiring and full of heart.

Since the premiere of "Unforgiven" in 1992, his films have climbed steadily in brilliance. His latest film, the biopic "J. Edgar," now is on DVD. Is it just as good?

Well, the casting is solid. Leonardo DiCaprio is J.

Edgar Hoover, famed director of the FBI. His portrayal reminded me of the dynamic work he pulled off in an earlier biopic, 2004's "The Aviator", in which he brought Howard Hughes to life. It seems Hoover is a character who is just as quirky.

It is no surprise that DiCaprio is astoundingly good in this role. He plays Hoover at various stages of his life, from enthusiastic youth to weary old age, and is spot on all the while. I'm not sure how the Oscar voters failed to nominate him.

However, I do see why the film itself was ignored

at the Oscars. "J. Edgar" is a downright boring film. It jumps around in time aimlessly, making an already long and dull biography seem confusing and without a compass. Bits that should have been fascinating — such as Hoover's investigation into the disappearance of the Lindbergh baby — get lost in the mire.

I'm almost afraid to say it, given my most reverent respect for Eastwood, who is one of the greatest directors working in Hollywood today.

Add to that the fact that he is Dirty Harry and I'd never want to "make his day," but I'm not a fan.



P R E S E N T S
FRIDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

Gone

Friday — 6 p.m.

(Amanda Seyfried, Jennifer Carpenter)

Jill Parrish comes home from night shift to discover her sister Molly has been abducted. Jill, having escaped from a kidnapping a year before, is convinced that the same serial killer has come back and taken Molly. The police think Jill is crazy and are unwilling to use their resources to help her. Afraid that Molly will be dead by sundown, she sets out alone on a heart pounding chase to find the killer, expose his secrets and save her sister.

Rated PG-13 for violence and terror, some sexual material, brief language and drug references.

Project X

Friday — 9 p.m.

Saturday — 6 p.m.

(Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper)

"Project X" is an out-of-control comedy that follows a group of buds who set out to throw the most epic 17th birthday party ever. The film documents a high school party that gets completely out of control, shot from the perspective of the digital cameras that the kids have with them.

Rated R for crude and sexual content throughout, nudity, drugs, drinking, pervasive language, reckless behavior and mayhem - all involving teens.

Dr Seuss the Lorax

Saturday — 3 p.m.

(Zac Efron, Taylor Swift)

The animated adventure follows the journey of a 12-year-old as he searches for a real Truffula Tree, the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To get it he must find the story of the Lorax, the acerbic yet charming character who fights to protect his world.

Rated PG for brief mild language.



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 912-767-3069 or go to www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-FtStewart.htm.

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Young continued the meeting by discussing topics of concerns such as hot cereals, Digiorno Flat Bread Pizza, Sun Flower nuts, organic products, Excedrin and sidewalk cleanliness.

"Right now, we are carrying everything that we are allowed to carry [for hot cereals]," Young stated. "The Digiorno Flat Bread Pizza is probably going out the door. . . The manufacturer informed me that Digiorno has found them to be very unsuccessful, believe it or not. Sun Flower nuts, those are available."

Young shared that they are continually working on bringing in more organic products as they become available. The Excedrin issue will not be available in the commissary because it has been recalled. He also addressed the issue of sidewalk cleanliness.

"Since the last meeting, those sidewalks have been pressure-washed twice," he said. "Some of the gum just will not come off. With pressure wash, steam [and] scraping, we just can't get it up. They are so old and beat-down inside the [concrete]."

A hot topic discussed during the meeting was extreme couponing.

"We have some extreme couponers,"

Young explained. "Some of them have clubs where they get together. We had a few issues with club members coming into the store and literally taking entire books of coupons off the shelf. We've actually had one or two say that they are bringing back to their club. I ask that you do not that. Make it available to everyone."

A new change has been made regarding refunded cash from the use of coupons.

"The other thing is some of the extreme couponers are actually getting cash back," he continued. "So, they'll get as many coupons as possible to get the money back. If the money they get exceeds 25 dollars, they're going to get a commissary gift card. It is effective the first of May."

While the 25 dollar gift card for extreme couponers begins in May, the upcoming commissary news includes a mega case lot sale May 15-18 and a farmer's market/sidewalk sale begins June 29 through July 3.

If you would like to address any questions or concerns about the Fort Stewart Commissary, contact Steve Young at 912-767-2076 or e-mail him at steve.young@deca.mil.

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Comfortable clothing and flat walking shoes are suggested for the trip. In addition to the lunch menu, participants may wish to bring a bottle of water for refreshment along the route. Two Port-a-Potty and hand washing stations will be located at Gill and Green Bay Cemeteries. If inclement weather prevails, the cemetery visit will be postponed to a later

date.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you wish to reserve a space, please call Pat Young at 912-435-9872 or email him at Patrick.young@us.army.mil. For more information about "History through a Looking Glass," visit www.historythroughalookingglass.com or e-mail history_glass@yahoo.com.

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The Soldier Show will be at Newman Fitness Center on Fort Stewart starting at 7 p.m. on May 8. Admission is free, on a first-come, first-served basis.

No performances are scheduled at Hunter Army Airfield this year. Bus transportation will be provided for those at Hunter who want to see the show. The buses will leave Hunter Club at 5 p.m. and return after the show, departing Stewart at about 9 p.m.

Among the performers is Spc. Tiffani Lindstrom, a vocalist with the 3rd ID Band at Fort Stewart. A combat vet-

eran, wounded in the line of duty, Lindstrom has performed at troop returns and memorial events since she joined the Army.

The show will open with 7 p.m. performances April 19, 20 and 21 at the newly renovated historic Fort Sam Houston Theatre, new home of Army Entertainment Division.

The troops then will embark on a five-month tour to perform at least 60 shows in at least 31 venues, including a Pacific journey to Hawaii and Japan.

VOLUNTEERS

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To Our Volunteers:

V is for the Very special people that you are

O is for the Overwhelming support & compassion you offer others during their time of need

L is for the Little things you do that make such a difference in someone's life

U is for the Unspoken words that sometimes mean just as much

N is for the Need you fill when others aren't able

T is for the Time you give of yourselves on top of your own busy schedules

E is for the Emotional support you continually give

E is also for the Endless energy you all seem to possess

R is for the Responsibility you have taken on & never once complained

S is for the Smiles you bring to patients and Families by just being you

Volunteers from Stewart-Hunter truly are "Volunteers, the Force Behind the Force."

During National Volunteer Week, I encourage each of you to make the time to thank a volunteer. Services to Soldiers and Families are enhanced by volunteers. For more information about volunteer opportunities, call the ACS Volunteer Corps Coordinators at 912-767-2467 or 912-315-6816.

Share your comments at

www.twitter.com/3rdIDMediaTeam



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What is your calling?

Chaplain (Capt.) Karl N. Redelsheimer
Battalion Chaplain, 26th BSB

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Pet. 2:9 NRSV)

Do you have a calling? Not only chaplains and church workers have a calling, but all of us are called to do good work that is blessed by God. One way neighbors, governing authorities, Family Members, and employers are gifts to us, is that in them we find opportunities to serve and fulfill our calling from God to be a blessing.

Because God gives all of us a calling, he is interested in what we do with our time and energy every day-not just on Sunday. God does not call us out of the world. We are called to serve God where we do our work – in our daily occupation, family, commu-

nity or church.

Sometimes it is difficult to see how we serve God through our callings. One Soldier shared with me that he felt like a small cog in a large machine without a purpose. I think he may have overlooked some of the vital tasks that his unit was engaged in. One of the tasks of a faith community is helping you see how your work in the world benefits your neighbors and the whole world. We can do this through prayer, discerning our gifts, and reflecting with members of a community of faith.

There is freedom in knowing God has given us callings to serve him in the world. It makes a difference when we view an undertaking as a calling rather than a job, obligation, or even service. We find meaning and purpose in our lives when we understand that we are created by God with unique gifts and strengths, to serve God by serving and loving our neighbors. To what tasks have you been called?

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Chapel Youth Ministry

Stewart-Hunter youth ministries exist to share “Biblical Truth” with middle and high school age youth, to disciple them in the Christian faith and to equip them for lives of Christian service.

For weekly meeting information, go to www.twitter.com/ftstewartyouth or contact Laura Livingston, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Youth Ministry representative at 912-509-6388.



Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.
Weekday Mass	Main Post Chapel	11:45 a.m.
(Confession available daily and before Sunday Mass)		

Protestant (Sundays)		
Contemporary Worship	Marne Chapel	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne Chapel	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage Chapel	10 a.m.
Kids' Church (K-5th Grade)	Main Post Chapel	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Main Post Chapel	9:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Hunter Chapel	11 a.m.
Weekday Mass (M,W,F)	Hunter Chapel	11:45 a.m.
Catholic CCD	Building 129	9:30 a.m.

Protestant		
Sunday Service	Hunter Chapel	9 a.m.
Kids' Church		
	Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall	9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts
Fort Stewart Director Religious Education, Mike Iliff, 912-767-9789
Hunter Army Airfield Director Religious Education, Charles Archer, 912-315-5934

Coastal Happenings

Learn history behind CSS Hunley

The Immortal Six Hundred Camp 2600 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans invites the public to attend a historical program on the CSS Hunley, the first submarine to sink an enemy warship. The program will be presented by Mr. Jack Marlar, the Southern History Advisor to the Hunley Commission. The program will be given at the Wetlands Center in J.F. Gregory Park, Richmond Hill, at 7 p.m., today. The public is invited and there is no charge.

8th Annual Golf Tournament planned

Enjoy a day of special events, 18 holes of golf, lunch, door prizes and drawings to benefit academic scholarships for Liberty County High School seniors, Saturday, at Cherokee Rose Country Club Golf Course in Hinesville, Ga. Individuals and teams are welcome. The prices are \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Check in at noon. Win a new car compliments of Hinesville Ford. Register by Saturday. For more information, call Kenneth Howard at 912-876-3164 or Joe Ford at 912-977-1077.

Tybee Art Show, Sale slated

From Friday through Sunday, paintings, prints, glass art, photography, sculpture, jewelry, fiber art, mosaics, art quilts, note cards art demonstrations, music and door prizes will take place at the Tybee Art Association Show and Sale. From 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, is the open reception. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, are the hours for festivities. Sunday concludes the festivities, which is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most shows will be held at Tybee Arts Association Building, 7 Cedarwood Drive.

MOMC activities observed

Savannah's Music Medicine Institute, in conjunction with the Southwest Chatham and Hinesville libraries, will again celebrate April as Month of the Military Child, with two day-long interactive music programs for the entire Family. To be held Saturday in Savannah, and April 28 in Hinesville, the programs are free and open to the public. Visit www.musicmedicine.org for more information about MMI.

Jacksonville Orchid Show scheduled

The Jacksonville Orchid Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except in May and December) at the Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla., 32204. There is a culture class for beginner and new growers that begins at 7 p.m. An event is planned for Tuesday. The general program begins at 7:30. Guests and visitors are always welcome! For more information, visit www.jaxorchidsociety.org/.

More details and any changes to hours or location will be posted on Web site at www.tybeearts.org.

Come to first Saturday on the River

Fine arts, fine crafts, fine music, fine performances, fine wine, fine beverages ... simply FINE! This high-end show will include juried and award fine art, demonstrations, children's crafting area, great music and much, much more from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., April 20-22. This event also coincides with the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf closing weekend. The event is free and open to the public.

Soldiers invited to help at Legends

The Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf Tournament will be played on Savannah's Hutchinson Island, April 20-22. If you are a Soldier and wish to tend a pin on military appreciation hole on one of the three days of the tournament or if you want to serve as a standard bearer (walking the course with the golfers carrying the sign with the leaders listed), contact the Hunter Army Airfield Public Affairs Office no later than Monday at 912-315-3739. Soldiers serving in this capacity will wear ASUs with beret. Soldiers will need to obtain the permission of their command sergeant major.

Cupcake war for arts coming soon

Hinesville Area Arts Council presents Cupcake War for the Arts at 5:30 p.m., April 24, at 102 Commerce Street in downtown Hinesville. Enter your company, social club, civic group or other in the cupcake showdown.

Have fun at outdoor racquetball

The Savannah Outdoor Racquetball at Lake Mayer is planned for April 21 and June 30. It will help support the MRF Wounded Warrior RRC Benefits. Free clinics have been scheduled on Saturday. For more information, call 912-220-8901.

Enjoy nature at Oatland Island

Oatland Island Wildlife Center is a unit of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and is located five miles east of Savannah off Islands Expressway. It serves primarily as a field trip site for school children throughout the region to learn about natural and environmental science. Oatland is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for self-guided trail walks. Call 912-395-1212 or visit www.oatlandisland.org for more information on school programs and special events.

SCAD Sand Art Festival slated

This annual festival features competitions using sand

and objects found on the beach, including shells and seaweed, as art, May 4, at North Beach, Tybee Island. Categories include sand castle design, sand sculptures, sand relief and wind sculpture. It is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.scad.edu.

Paint Tybee pink

Come enjoy an afternoon into evening 10K walk in the beautiful city of Tybee Island Georgia (5k option available as well), May 5. We will have a Sunset Ceremony at Fisherman's Walk pier, then each walker will receive a pink glow stick and will travel the last mile along the beach (optional). We will then finish at the Tybee Pier and Pavilion with a Celebration of Life Party complete with TropRock artist Jim Asbell playing on the Pier! A \$50 registration fee with no fund raising minimum or anyone who raises at least \$500 will get their registration fee waived. Fund raising is the lifeblood of any charitable organization, so fund raising and sponsorships are strongly encouraged so we might make a bigger impact on the cancer community in Coastal Georgia! We also need crew members to come out and help our walkers along their journey. If you can't walk, please consider crewing ... either way, it will be an experience you will not soon forget! More details as they come available. Proceeds to benefit LibLines Breast Cancer Fund at the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute of Memorial University Hospital, Savannah, Ga.

Come see NFL Gary Guyton

Hinesville Alum and NFL player Gary Guyton hosts 3rd annual Coastal Georgia Pro Sports festival, May 4-5, in Hinesville. Beginning at 7 p.m., May 4, at the James Brown Park, the Great Amazing race for Youth will take place. The top 25 teams will qualify for the National Championship Race and a chance to win \$2,000. Starting at 9 a.m., May 5, at the Bradwell Institute campus, grades 1 through 6 are invited to football and cheer camps with NFL players. At 11 a.m., grades 7 and up are welcome to a football skills camp with NFL players. For more information on the event, please visit www.GaryGuyton.com.

For those interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor, please contact Greg Benton, gbenton@flyingcolorssports.com or 513-518-0528.

Enjoy Tybee's Art Show

The Tybee Arts Association Show and Sale will take place, May 4-6, at Tybee Arts Association building, 7 Cedarwood Drive. There will be glass art, photography, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, mosaics, art quilts and not card art demonstrations. Plenty of music and door prizes will be available. For more details, visit the Web site www.tybeearts.org.



Army Community Service

New calendar online

The ACS April-June calendar of classes and online registration are now on *www.stewart.army.mil/acs*. With over 40 free classes and workshops, the online calendar is your one-stop source for complete class listings. Call 912-767-5058 for more information.

A workshop for Asperger's slated

The Fort Stewart Army Community Services will host an Asperger's Syndrome Workshop from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., April 23, at building 86. Doctor Erin Field, Child Psychologist, Winn Army Community Hospital Behavioral Health Clinic, will provide information on working with children with Asperger's. For more information, call the ACS Exceptional Family Member Program at 912-767-5058.

ACS will be closed May 25

The Stewart and Hunter ACS will be closed May 25. Due to the upcoming federal holiday, regular hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, May 29. If you need assistance with Army Emergency Relief on that day, contact the Red Cross at 877-272-7337. The Domestic Violence Hotline is (Stewart) 912-767-3032 or (Hunter) 912-315-5343. We do apologize for any inconveniences. For additional information, please call ACS at (Stewart) 912-767-5058 or (Hunter) 912-315-6816.

Sgt Rocky Puppet Show slated

April has been designated as the Month of the Military Child. Fort Stewart's Army Community Service, Mobilization and Deployment Program, have scheduled a performance of Sgt Rocky's Neighborhood. Sergeant Rocky, Uncle Sam and Mindy Marne will present a puppet show for military children. There will be performances of Sgt Rocky's Neighborhood today and Friday. The today's performance will be conducted at Woodruff Theater from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The Friday show will be conducted at Hunter Army Airfield's Post Theater with performances from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 912-767-1257.

Attend FRG classes

April 18: FRG Key Caller Training, 9 – 11:30 a.m., building 87. This training covers Key Caller duties, communication with Family members in all phases of the deployment cycle, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, and how the Key Caller fits into a successful Family Readiness Group.

April 19: FRG Fundraising, 10 a.m. – noon, building 87. Learn creative ways to overcome fundraising challenges that you and your FRG may be facing. Rules and regulations of FRG Fundraising are also included.

April 20: FRG Leader Roundtable, 10 a.m. – noon. Network with other FRG Leaders to create a sustainable volunteer force that will empower and decrease burnout, generate better cohesion and exchange creative ideas; this training event is for Company FRG Leaders.

April 26: FRG Leader, 9 a.m. – noon, building 87. This training provides the basic FRG overview, regulatory guidance and information on how to structure your FRG for today's Families.

For more information, call 912-767-1257

Bake off at “Butter Me up” contest

This is a competitive event for the entire military Community scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, at the Post Exchange on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. This event will provide awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. All participants must complete a Food Handler's Safety Class prior to the event. For more details and to register for the event, contact ACS's Family Advocacy Program at 912-767-2882.

Volunteer Spotlight



Name: Pfc. Amanda Jimenez
Activity/Unit Volunteering for: Savannah Feed The Hungry
Hometown: Fort Hood, Texas
Volunteer Title: Office Volunteer
Why do you volunteer?
 Because I enjoy helping others and giving back to the community.
What do you like most about volunteering?
 Knowing that I was able to help someone else less fortunate and that my free time was put to good use.



DFMWR Briefs

FMWR on Web, Facebook

Visit the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site for information about what FMWR has to offer Soldiers and Families at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield. The site is at www.stewartmwr.com.

Also, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FortStewartHunterFMWR.

Post-Wide Housing Garage Sale Signup

On-post housing residents who will participate in Post-Wide Housing Garage Sales at Stewart and Hunter on April 21 are asked to register by Friday, so their sale location can be noted on a map.

There is no charge to register. To sign up, or to learn more details about the sales, call 912-767-8238 at Stewart or 912-315-2019 at Hunter.

Everyone (military and non-military) is invited to the sales, scheduled from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., April 21. Only residents of post housing are eligible to sell.

No sales will be conducted at either the Club Stewart parking lot on Stewart or the Credit Union parking lot at Hunter.

Catch-and-release Bass Tournament

A catch-and-release Bass Tournament will be held Saturday, at Metz Pond, Pond No. 26, on Fort Stewart. All are invited to participate.

Fishermen may launch at first light (about 6:30 a.m.) and present their catch for the weigh-in at 11 a.m. Cash prizes, based on the number of participants, will be awarded for first through fifth places, largest fish, and youth category. Winners will be determined by total weight of a five-fish maximum.

The cost to register through Friday is \$20 for active-duty Soldiers, retirees, Family Members and all youth 16 years of age and younger. The fee is \$35 for civilians.

Register at the Stewart and Hunter Pass and Permit

Offices. The Stewart office is in building 8093 and the phone number is 912-435-8061. The Hunter office is in building 1286 and the phone number is 912-315-5163.

Day-of-the-event registration will be \$30 for active-duty Soldiers, retirees, Family Members and all youth 16 years of age and younger and \$40 for civilians.

Boat rentals will be available at Holbrook Equipment Rental Center to valid ID cardholders only. Renters must present a boater safety card, available free through www.boatus.com.

Teen High Adventure Camp Sign-up

Registration got under way April 9 and will close June 7 for the action-filled Teen High Adventure Camp, scheduled June 17-22 in the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina.

The annual trip is sponsored by the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Child, Youth and School Services and is open to CYSS-registered youth 13-17 years of age.

The camp is one of the best for teens in the Army. Youth can learn lifetime outdoor adventure skills through an array of activities including two white-water rafting trips, tubing, zip-lining and hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

Family style meals, cabins, and activity fees are included in the camp registration fee of \$150 per person.

Register in person through Stewart-Hunter CYSS Parent Central Services. No refunds will be granted after June 7. For more information, call the School Liaison Office at 912-767-6533 or 912-315-6586.

Spring Education Forum at Stewart

A Spring Education Forum, during which Soldiers, Family Members and Educators can get together to

discuss issues and solutions relevant to military-connected students, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 18 in the Club Stewart Ballroom.

The forum focuses on students enrolled in public and DoDEA schools.

Parents are needed to discuss issues and possible solutions in proactive, upbeat discussion groups. Those interested in being a delegate should contact the School Liaison Office at 912-767-6533.

Unable to attend the forum? Post or submit your comments/suggestions to the SLO by e-mail at greg.cooke@us.army.mil. Or look for a Spring Education Forum link at the Fort Stewart Web site at www.stewart.army.mil or the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.stewartmwr.com.

Come to Scream 'N Shout

Scream N' Shout "Kidz With Character," the fastest growing elementary school assembly in the USA, is coming to Newman Fitness Center at 6 p.m., April 19, and at 6 p.m., April 20, at Tominac Fitness Center.

The show incorporates music, movement, a little bit of magic and lots of fun to motivate and inspire children 5-12 to become respectful, reliable, trustworthy, responsible and caring. It was described as "one of a kind."

The cost is just \$5 per Family. Tickets may be purchased at the Stewart-Hunter Leisure Travel offices or at the door on the evening of the event. At Stewart, Leisure Travel is in building 419 in the PX Furniture Mall Complex and the telephone number is 912-767-2841. At Hunter, Leisure Travel is in building 1286, the Soldier Services Center, and the telephone number is 912-315-3674.

Visit www.screamnshout.com/ for more information about Scream 'N Shout. For more information about the shows at Stewart and Hunter, call 912-767-6212.

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“There was a lot of great information that I can pass to Soldiers and the Family Members in my battalion,” said Yakini Wisdom, the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment Family readiness support assistant who attended. “I learned a lot about the Exceptional Family Member Program and how to support it and I also got to meet with program leaders and got their contact information to pass to my Families.”

Some of the challenges that parents of exceptional children face were explained by Jane Newman and Tameka Tribble, Family and Community Liaisons with the SCCPSS Exceptional Children Program, who have children with disabilities of their own. Presenters outlined the stages of grief and acceptance that parents experience after their child is at diagnosis with a disability and they explained specific issues that those parents must face.

Michelle Zeller, the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment Family readiness support assistant, also attended to get information to pass to the Families in SOAR. She understands the disability issues since she has a middle school son with special needs.

“I was not aware that there were so many different liaisons and programs available to assist my son with attaining his educational goals,” said Zeller, after attending the forum. She said the information will help her be more effective as she advocates for her son.

“You have to work at being effective in getting what your children need,” said Newman. “Do your research and learn to communicate. Remember that you can’t do it alone; contact your child’s pediatrician, school counselors and teachers for support.”

The two liaisons said the goal of their services is to bridge the gap between parents and their child’s school and ‘to get on the same page early since it benefits the child.’

Bridging those gaps between military parents and their child’s school is one of the primary reasons the education forums are held each spring and fall, said McGary.

Zeller said that bridging those gaps can be challenging.

“My son may see as many as seven educators — regular classroom, occupational therapist, school counselor and special education—in one day,” said Zeller. “Staying on the same page with them is one of the biggest school-related problems I face.”

There are many other challenges that she and her son face, Zeller said, but added that her experience, along with help from others, have taught her ways to cope.

“Learn all you can about your child’s condition and get organized with a binder dedicated specifically for their medical information, diagnosis, testing and Individual Education Plans. Also, allow your child to miss their mom or dad [if they’re deployed] but don’t get stuck in a sad place, stay positive and encourage your child and connect with their absent parent through Skype and email if available.”

As a military spouse and mother of three boys herself, Zeller uses her own life skills to encourage other parents in her job as an FRSA, especially those with exception children.

“The best thing I can say is to take one day at a time and surround yourself with positive and supportive people—and most importantly – keep telling yourself that you can do it.”

If you have questions about the educational programs available for your children or need information about the exceptional children program, contact McGary at 912-315-6586.

The 'Raider' Easter Egg Hunt is on...



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Two Raider Brigade children find some hidden eggs, during the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, Third Infantry Division, Easter Extravaganza, which took place April 5.

